Assembly Bill No. 1336

CHAPTER 301

An act to amend Section 13510 of, and to add Section 13526.2 to, the Penal Code, relating to peace officers, and making an appropriation therefor.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1336, Washington. Peace officers: housing authority police departments: training.

(1) Existing law requires the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training to adopt rules establishing minimum standards relating to physical, mental, and moral fitness that shall govern the recruitment of any of specified groups of peace officers. The commission is also required to adopt rules establishing minimum standards for training specified groups of peace officers.

This bill would additionally include housing authority police departments of the City of Los Angeles and the City of Oakland among these groups of peace officers.

(2) Existing law provides that no allocation shall be made from the Peace Officers' Training Fund to a local governmental agency if the agency was not entitled to receive funding under any of certain specified provisions regulating the allocation of funds from the Peace Officers' Training Fund for training expenses, as those provisions read on December 31, 1989.

This bill would provide notwithstanding this limitation, that the housing authority police departments of the City of Los Angeles and the City of Oakland, shall be entitled to receive the above funding. Because this bill would make additional entities eligible to receive state funds payable from the Peace Officers' Training Fund, which is a continuously appropriated fund, it would make an appropriation.

Appropriation: yes.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 13510 of the Penal Code is amended to read:

13510. (a) For the purpose of raising the level of competence of local law enforcement officers, the commission shall adopt, and may from time to time amend, rules establishing minimum standards relating to physical, mental, and moral fitness that shall govern the recruitment of any city police officers, peace officer members of a county sheriff's office, marshals or deputy marshals of a municipal

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court, peace officer members of a county coroner's office notwithstanding Section 13526, reserve officers, as defined in subdivision (a) of Section 830.6, police officers of a district authorized by statute to maintain a police department, peace officer members of a police department operated by a joint powers agency established by Article 1 (commencing with Section 6500) of Chapter 5 of Division 7 of Title 1 of the Government Code, regularly employed and paid inspectors and investigators of a district attorney's office, as defined in Section 830.1, who conduct criminal investigations, peace officer members of a district, safety police officers and park rangers of the County of Los Angeles, as defined in subdivisions (a) and (b) of Section 830.31, or housing authority police departments.

The commission also shall adopt, and may from time to time amend, rules establishing minimum standards for training of city police officers, peace officer members of county sheriff's offices, marshals or deputy marshals of a municipal court, peace officer members of a county coroner's office notwithstanding Section 13526, reserve officers, as defined in subdivision (a) of Section 830.6, police officers of a district authorized by statute to maintain a police department, peace officer members of a police department operated by a joint powers agency established by Article 1 (commencing with Section 6500) of Chapter 5 of Division 7 of Title 1 of the Government Code, regularly employed and paid inspectors and investigators of a district attorney's office, as defined in Section 830.1, who conduct criminal investigations, peace officer members of a district, safety police officers and park rangers of the County of Los Angeles, as defined in subdivisions (a) and (b) of Section 830.1, and housing authority police departments.

These rules shall apply to those cities, counties, cities and counties, and districts receiving state aid pursuant to this chapter and shall be adopted and amended pursuant to Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 11340) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code.

- (b) The commission shall conduct research concerning job-related educational standards and job-related selection standards to include vision, hearing, physical ability, and emotional stability. Job-related standards which are supported by this research shall be adopted by the commission prior to January 1, 1985, and shall apply to those peace officer classes identified in subdivision (a). The commission shall consult with local entities during the conducting of related research into job-related selection standards.
- (c) For the purpose of raising the level of competence of local public safety dispatchers, the commission shall adopt, and may from time to time amend, rules establishing minimum standards relating to the recruitment and training of local public safety dispatchers having a primary responsibility for providing dispatching services for local law enforcement agencies described in subdivision (a), which

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standards shall apply to those cities, counties, cities and counties, and districts receiving state aid pursuant to this chapter. These standards also shall apply to consolidated dispatch centers operated by an independent public joint powers agency established pursuant to Article 1 (commencing with Section 6500) of Chapter 5 of Division 7 of Title 1 of the Government Code when providing dispatch services to the law enforcement personnel listed in subdivision (a). Those rules shall be adopted and amended pursuant to Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 11340) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of Government Code. As used in this section, responsibility" refers to the performance of law enforcement dispatching duties for a minimum of 50 percent of the time worked within a pay period.

- (d) Nothing in this section shall prohibit a local agency from establishing selection and training standards which exceed the minimum standards established by the commission.
- SEC. 2. Section 13526.2 is added to the Penal Code, to read: 13526.2. Notwithstanding Section 13526, for the purposes of this chapter, the housing authority police departments of the City of Los Angeles and the City of Oakland shall be entitled to receive funding from the Peace Officers' Training Fund.